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16.
ALBANIA
Prior to Aug. 50

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SOVIET CONTROL OVER HOSPITALS

The Government has sent young men to Czechoslovakia and to Soviet Russia for training as physicians. Soviet doctors are placed in hospitals at Tirana, Durres and Korce. A Soviet doctor was assigned as Director of the General Civilian Hospital of Tirana about April, 1950.

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17.
CHINA (Hong Kong)
Oct., 1950

ATTEMPTS TO STOCKPILE PETROLATUM

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attempt of Optorg Company of Hong Kong to purchase petrolatum for six-months supply, allegedly for cosmetic and match industry.
ANALYST'S COMMENT: The petrolatum would find extensive use in pharmaceuticals. Optorg may be a Russian firm. (Perhaps Optovaya Torgovlya.)

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18.
CHINA
May to Nov., 1950

MASS IMMUNIZATION OF ANIMALS IN CHINA

During the past six months intensive, large-scale program for immunization of cattle against anthrax and rinderpest. Gives goal of numbers to be immunized in next six months. Names and locates four serum-vaccine manufacturing agencies in Hupeh area. Disease control attempts aimed at immediate increase in animal population. No emphasis on long-range program of eradication of disease by slaughter of infected animals.
ANALYST'S COMMENT: Determined effort to immunize cattle against anthrax and rinderpest may indicate preparedness for BW against cattle. Prevention of slaughter of animals and attempted control of disease by immunization alone may indicate urgent need for immediate increase in animal food products.

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19.
CHINA, PHILIPPINES
Aug., 1950

RECRUITMENT OF DOCTORS

One hundred doctors and other technicians recruited in Philippines and sent to Canton, Communist China, August, 1950.

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20.
GERMANY (Sov. Zone)
July, 1950

CONSIDERATION OF MASS IMMUNIZATION MATERIAL (b)(1) (b)(3)

Health Minister Steidle is very worried because the ASID in Dessau is not working satisfactorily. [redacted]

[redacted] (b)(3)

21.
GERMANY (Sov. Zone) [redacted] (b)(3)
Oct., 1950

INCREASE IN BEDS AND AMBULANCES

HVA budget for 1951 provides for 50 ambulances with 30 to follow. Budget further provides for 100,000 beds in addition to the 30,000 presently owned by the HVA.

[redacted] (b)(3)

22.
HUNGARY
Oct., 1950

QUALIFICATIONS LOWERED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH POSITIONS

Decree No. 257/1950 of the Cabinet Council of the Hungarian People's Republic canceled certain qualification requirements for employment at posts of Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Officer, Municipal Physician, Village Physician, and District Physician.
ANALYST'S COMMENT: Could be a preliminary step in plans to release doctors for military service and to place less experienced physicians in civilian positions.

[redacted] (b)(3)

23.
HUNGARY
Aug., 1950 LARGE-SCALE TRAINING OF MILITARY NURSES

Hungarian Red Cross has begun training military nurses. Twenty-four training courses in progress, each with 20 students. Alkotas Street military hospital in Budapest has also been completely restored. Order placed for complete equipment of three field hospitals. Complete field hospital mounted on a train left Budapest in a southern direction on 12 July.

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24.
POLAND
Jan.-Apr., 1950 [redacted] (b)(3)

MARKING OF BLOOD TYPES

Militiamen said it had been decreed that all militia personnel had to have their blood type tattooed on their arms.

[redacted] (b)(3)

25.
POLAND
30 Sept 50

REGISTRATION OF PHARMACISTS, DOCTORS' ASSISTANTS, AND NURSES

In order to tighten control over professional people the Polish Government has ordered all pharmacists, doctors' assistants, and hospital nurses to register with the appropriate health section from 9 October to 15 November 1950.

[redacted] (b)(3)

26.
RUMANIA
Prior to
28 Sept 50

CONVERSION OF CIVILIAN BUILDING TO MILITARY HOSPITAL

Former Chamber of Commerce Building in Braila has been transformed into a Soviet military hospital.

[redacted] (b)(3)

27.
YUGOSLAVIA
Aug., 1950 [redacted]

RECRUITMENT OF DOCTORS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

(b)(1) (b)(3) Yugoslav Government mission in Austria attempting to recruit approximately 100 doctors, of whom more than half will be assigned to military services. [redacted] doctors are to be offered salaries three times greater than that normally given to Yugoslav doctors. In spite of favorable offers, [redacted] only 15 doctors have so far agreed to serve. (b)(1) (b)(3)

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